

Course: SLIS 711-Fall 2019
Instructor: Edward Blessing
Assignment: Annotated Citations
Due date: Ongoing, due weekly on Fridays, 11:59pm
Grade Value: 25 points

Beginning with the readings for Week 3, you are required to submit 2 annotated citations to Blackboard weekly. One of these should be for **one** of the assigned readings, the other should be for a journal article of your own choice.

Annotations are **descriptive** and **critical**: they may describe the author's point of view, authority, or clarity and appropriateness of expression; they also critique (either positively or negatively) the reading.

The purpose of the annotation is to inform the reader of the **relevance, accuracy, and quality** of the sources cited.

Write a concise annotation that summarizes the central theme and scope of the book or article. Include one or more sentences that (a) **evaluate** the authority or background of the author, (b) **comment** on the intended audience, (c) **compare** or contrast this work with another you have cited, or (d) **explain** how this work illuminates a particular topic.

Every paper that cites other work, i.e. almost any type of scholarly writing, starts with a set of annotated citations. **The two papers required for this course later in the semester are based at least in part on the annotated citations you write weekly.**

How to find these readings:

I suggest you begin searching for your individual weekly readings through databases accessible through the Thomas Cooper Library website (students who are off-campus will need to sign in to use these databases):

[Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts with Full Text](#)
[Library Literature & Information Science Full Text](#)

You can search for different archive topics by doing a keyword search with the word “archive” and then another topic word, e.g. “digital”. A search such as this will pull up some relevant articles, through which you can find relevant subject headings. You can also limit your results to recent (post-2000) articles, which I would like you to do.

I will screen share a basic search that should get you on the “write” path. Yep, I make dad jokes.